



Ports getting \$6 million for improvements

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Port authorities are receiving some \$6 million in federal stimulus funding to replace and retrofit heavy-polluting equipment like cranes, yard tractors and forklifts.

Long Beach gets \$4 million to tackle pollution generated by cargo-handling equipment, including the mobile cranes used to lift heavy steel containers off ships.

The diesel-powered cranes, forklifts, yard tractors and other equipment are among port industry's worst polluters, cumulatively emitting some 1,300 tons of nitrogen oxide emissions annually.

Money will help the port replace and retrofit 112 pieces of this equipment out of the 1,000 or so in use.

In Los Angeles, nearly \$2 million in stimulus money is being dedicated to retrofitting or replacing dockside equipment and a few harbor craft operated by the port.

That money will compliment millions the port is already spending to replace much of the older equipment, pieces of which date

back to the late 1970s.

In addition, two of the three railroad operators serving the port are receiving nearly \$9 million to replace eight diesel-soot spewing locomotives with clean and hybrid models.

The locomotives, owned by Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe, are operated solely in Southern California and often used in port service, further helping drive down emissions in harbor-area communities.

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